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CONGRESSMAN-ELECT VINCENT WILL BE SPEAKER AT ALMA'S ARMISTICE DAY CELEBRATION

Geo. W. Myers Post No. 132, American Legion, and Troop C 106th Cavalry to Join Hands in the Observance of the End of the Great World War.

PLAN FOR BIG PARADE HERE IN THE FORENOON SATURDAY

The City of Alma, like practically every other community in the country will celebrate Armistice Day, which brought an end to the greatest struggle of opposing bodies of humanity that the world has ever seen, a day that will always figure strongly in the history of the many nations that were engaged in the great World War.

Congressman-Elect Bird J. Vincent of Saginaw, who can almost be termed Alma's congressman after this city's feat in the primary race will be the speaker at the Armistice Day celebration. Vincent is himself one of the veterans of the World War, and he knows well what Armistice Day means to the people, not only of the United States, but to the entire civilized world. For months he was overseas with the United States Army after resigning from a political office to enter the service, and nearly lost his life from disease while in France. His address in this city Saturday morning will be his first public appearance since his election to Congress from the Eighth District of Michigan to succeed the Honorable Joseph W. Fordney. He is certain to have a strong Armistice Day message for the people of this city.

The Armistice Day program will be given in the morning and will be in charge of the George W. Myers Post No. 132, American Legion of this city, who will be assisted in their efforts by Troop C 106th Cavalry Michigan National Guard.

The activities in connection with the exercises will start at 10:55, when a firing squad will begin firing with rifles and crackers on Woodward avenue, and exactly at 11:00 a. m., the time that the Armistice became effective, known among the "buddies" as the zero hour, orders will be given to cease firing, the orders being conveyed by Captain Hopkins of Troop C 106th Cavalry, Michigan National Guard.

Immediately following, the parade will form on Superior street, in front of the Strand theatre in the following order: Head of column, Alma College band, colors, Troop C 106th Cavalry American Legion, Woman's Auxiliary, and citizens.

The line of the parade will be west from the City Hall to State street, north on State street to Downie and west on Downie to Park avenue, thence east on Superior street to the Wright House corner, State and Superior.

Here the mounted Cavalry of Troop C 106th Cavalry will leave the parade, and the Legion, Auxiliary and citizens will gather around the Cavalry Army truck to listen to the patriotic address by Congressman-elect, Bird J. Vincent.

All members of the American Legion and ex-service men generally are asked to be out in uniform so far as possible, but their presence is requested regardless of whether they are in uniform or not.

In the afternoon the members of the Legion Post will attend the Albion College-Alma College football game at the college grounds.

A Small Fire At Gas Plant

A small fire called the Alma fire department to the plant of the Gratiot County Gas company last Friday morning but the blaze was of such a nature that it was easily quelled with a very small loss.

Coke from the ovens in which the gas is extracted from the coal had been dumped out and taken to the conveyor while some it was still burning, and it started a small blaze in the woodwork of the trestle, which was discovered before it had time to gain headway. The department used chemicals and then turned the water on the coke that was still burning.

WINS HONORS AT ALBION

Donald J. Dunham of this city, a senior in Albion College, has won new honors in that school. He was recently elected as the editor of the Albionian, the annual at that college which will be issued this year for the first time by the seniors. This past week he also won the varsity oratorical contest with the oration, "Stop, Look, Listen, and Then Go Ahead," and as a result will represent Albion in the Michigan Intercollegiate Oratorical Contest to be held this winter. He received four out of a possible five firsts from the judges in the contest.

An armless sharpshooter recently placed ten shots so close together a 50-cent piece would cover them.

GETS HUGE VOTE



BIRD J. VINCENT

Well Known Alma People Married

At 7:30 Wednesday evening, Mrs. Mary McCullough was quietly united in marriage to Mr. Harry Clark at the home of the former by Joseph L. Biggerstaff, justice of the peace. Only a few immediate relatives and close friends were present at the home when the marriage was solemnized, and it came as a big surprise to the many friends of these well known Alma people, who had not been anticipating the event. Mr. and Mrs. Clark have both resided in this city for many years and are well known and held in high esteem by a wide circle of friends. They will continue to make their home in this city.

COAL SITUATION IS NOW ALARMING

POSSIBLY THE FUEL OUTLOOK
WILL BE BETTER OR WORSE
"MANANA."

"Manana" is a popular Mexican term. It means tomorrow. It describes the coal situation most aptly in nearly every part of the country this week. The strike no longer occupies the front pages. Warnings by fuel administrators and coal men have become "old stuff." The weather is pleasant. The public will buy its coal tomorrow—if it thinks of it. Prices have a decided little bit. Maybe they will come down some more. Maybe they will—"manana." To those persons who have dwelt across the border the point is clear—"manana" never comes.

The situation as it exists now really is alarming. There is more real danger of a coal famine, runaway prices, distress, suffering and all the evils against which the country was warned during the summer than at any time this year. The public is the chief offender now—the coal consumers who are willing to take a chance. Next come the railroads with their short car supply and poor motive power weakened by the strike of the shopmen and swamped in the annual effort to handle both the crops of the country and its coal supply in a few brief weeks. They never have made a conspicuously successful job of it and this year their task is hopeless unless the public realized the situation and gave its very best cooperation. The aid of every big industrial user of coal and every household was essential. Neither has been offered and storm signals are flying from every car of coal sitting out on a siding and awaiting the time when the railroad can spare a locomotive.

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Alma Churches Urge U. S. Aid in East

No one can listen to stories by eye witnesses of the tragedy in the near East and remain unmoved. The picture of thousands upon thousands of mothers and little children torn from husbands and fathers, outraged and butchered are not pleasant things to look upon.

We the members of the Federation of Churches of the City of Alma, realizing that America represents a moral force that has yet to be applied in the near East, wish to place ourselves on record that we are in favor of this country taking some definite step, and that we shall support our President and Secretary of State in any effort diplomatic or otherwise that they shall take towards the establishment of justice, mercy and peace in these stricken lands. And we further pledge our full support in any action they find necessary to effectuate the freedom of Armenia and the liberation of the Greeks from the rule of the Turks.

Miss Eunice Britt of the Kansas City training school will occupy the Methodist pulpit on Sunday morning. She is fresh from the General Manager's meeting in Pittsburgh and will bring a wonderful message from Home Mission fields. The Woman's Home Missionary Society will receive the thank offering at this time.

ALMA LUTHERAN CHURCH GUTTED IN NIGHT FIRE

MEMBERS OF FIRE DEPARTMENT BELIEVE FIRE STARTED IN BASEMENT.

Department Lucky To Hold Down Loss

Tuesday evening the Lutheran church on Pine avenue was badly damaged by flames, and it has been estimated that the loss to the denomination will reach from \$3,500 to \$4,000.

Had it not been for the response of the department, which came as quickly as circumstances would permit, and the very prompt action on the part of the men after they reached the scene, the loss would have been far heavier, even if the men had been fortunate enough to save the structure, which was burning rapidly when the department arrived. Two or three streams of water were quickly playing on the flames and within a very short space of time the blaze had been brought under control.

The interior of the structure was almost entirely gutted by the flames, which evidently had their origin in the basement of the church. A careful investigation by Chief Sartor failed to disclose the cause of the blaze.

Feature Picture At Strand Theater

Beyond question the greatest and most read story appearing in the Saturday Evening Post in recent years is Alice Duer Miller's "Manslaughter." Its daring treatment of startling incidents made a wide departure from the beaten path of modern fiction, and the reader's attention was held almost spellbound from beginning to end.

This story has been made into an equally great screen drama under the mastery direction of Cecil B. DeMille, who is conceded to be the greatest director in the industry.

"Manslaughter" deals with a wealthy young society girl who is cursed with the mania for speed. Through her reckless driving of a high power car a traffic officer is killed, and the girl is arrested on a charge of manslaughter. The young district attorney who vigorously prosecutes her is also the man who loves her—a most unusual situation in itself. The effect of her three years' imprisonment is beneficial rather than injurious to her, and events follow rapidly. "Manslaughter" is in ten reels, and is not only spectacularly and lavishly produced, as only DeMille knows how to do it, but the story interest is almost without comparison among even the greatest screen dramas.

This mighty picture will be shown at the Strand theatre Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of next week.

Mrs. H. B. Poulsen To Lecture Here

On Thursday evening, November 16, Mrs. Helen B. Poulsen will give a lecture on Child Life. Herself a mother, a teacher and a lecturer who has traveled thru every state in the Union observing parents and children, Mrs. Poulsen sees children as the coming leaders in our social and political life.

Her message will be a stirring and vital one. She has unusual talent of holding the attention of her audience. Because of her vivid presentations of the cares and misunderstandings that come to our boys and girls and sympathetic treatment of their little problems, no parent who listens to her can fail to grasp her practical and helpful suggestions which fill her lecture from start to finish.

The various clubs, Parents-Teachers Association, and the Public Schools are behind this move. Every parent and everyone interested in children should take advantage of this rare opportunity. There will be no admission.

The Alma Art Club will give a Charity Concert on Nov. 24, 1922, at the Presbyterian Church in Alma at 8 o'clock. The proceeds of this concert will be given to the Welfare Association. The concert will be given by local talent and the program will be announced later.

Telephone bills are due, and payable the first of every month. Pay on or before the 20th, and save 10 per cent. November 20th is the last day on which the discount can be allowed on your telephone bills.

GRATIOT'S NEXT SHERIFF



JACOB D. HELMAN

Aged Alma Woman Died Wednesday

Mrs. Mary Hutchinson, Park avenue, a resident of this city for many years, died at her home Wednesday morning following a long illness. She was 76 years of age. Her husband preceded her in death several years ago. She is survived by one son, Louis Hutchinson, and one daughter, Mrs. Pearl Decker, both of this city. Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the late home on Park avenue, and will be conducted by Rev. Doty of the M. E. Church of St. Johns, a former pastor of the M. E. Church at Alma. Burial will be made in Riverside cemetery.

DELEGATES SIGN FOR HEALTH MEET

BIG ATTENDANCE LOOKED FOR
AT STATE HEALTH MEETING
NEXT MONTH.

With the opening session of the second annual conference of health officers and public health nurses given under the auspices of the Michigan Department of Health and Michigan Public Health Association a month distant indications are that the attendance of the first conference will be almost doubled. Up to November 5th health officers numbering 102 had returned 'I will be there' cards and 30 nurses had assured their attendance. This number represents more than half of the entire attendance in 1921.

Those in charge of the arrangements are making ready to accommodate a minimum number of 500 delegates this year where last year the total attendance did not pass the 300 mark.

The success of the first meeting, added interest in public health work and the interesting program for this year are believed by members of the committee to have caused the increase. From the time the session is opened by Dr. R. M. Olin, state health commissioner, Monday morning, December 4, until it is closed Friday evening, December 8, there will be an authority on health problems "on the floor" all the time. New phases of public health will be taken up and open discussions will be encouraged. "The aim of the conference," says Dr. Olin, "is to send the delegates back home armed with valuable information on how to attack health problems."

Among the more prominent speakers who will appear during the five-day session are: George C. Whipple, C.E., Harvard University; S. W. Welch, M.D., Commissioner of Alabama Department of Health; Eugene R. Kelley, M.D., Massachusetts Health Commissioner; Anna E. Rude, M.D., of the Children's Bureau, Department of Labor, Washington, D. C.; F. C. Boudreau, chief of the communicable disease division of the Ohio Department of Health; Dr. H. E. Vaughan, commissioner of health, Detroit, and a score of others who are experts in their division of health work.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

For the respect of the American Soldiers who fought in the World war, the Alma, Michigan, Post Office will be closed from 10:00 a. m. to 4:30 p. m., Nov. 11, Armistice day. A complete delivery will be made of all city mail at 1:30 p. m. Rural carriers will make their trips on the usual schedule.

Do not call for your mail as a prompt delivery will be made at the above named hour.

The patrons of this office will take due notice thereof and govern yourselves accordingly.

Frank O. Parker, Postmaster.

W. C. T. U. MEETING
Frances Willard Union will meet at the home of Mrs. Adeline Page, 510 Wright Ave., Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 15, at 2:30.

Mrs. Soper will have the meeting in charge, and there will be a report of the District convention by Mrs. Hilsinger of St. Louis. Roll call: Personal Thankfulness. It is hoped all the members will be present.

TUESDAY ELECTION HAD SEVERAL UPSETS, INCLUDING DEFEAT OF TOWNSEND SEEKING RE-ELECTION

Entire State Republican Ticket Was Ushered into Office by a Wide Margin—Vincent Was Elected to Congress by a Big Vote in Every County of the District.

HELMAN AND LONG, DEMOCRATS, UNDER WIRE ON COUNTY TICKET

Governor Groesbeck re-elected for a second term by a large vote, Senator Charles Townsend defeated by Woodbridge N. Ferris for United States Senator, Bird J. Vincent a handsome winner in the congressional fight, and two upsets in the county with the election of Jacob D. Helman of Alma, Democrat, as sheriff and George Long of Pompeii as the member of the legislature from Gratiot county were a few of the happenings of Michigan's election Tuesday.

The victory of Woodbridge N. Ferris over Senator Charles Townsend is regarded throughout the state as a tribute to the great Michigan educator and the "Good Grey Governor." Ferris has always held a high place in the esteem of Michigan Republicans as well as among the Democrats of the state and with his nomination it was conceded that he would give Senator Townsend a merry political fight. The present unrest in the country was also a factor. Naturally, however, thousands of Michigan Republicans will see Senator Townsend retire from Congress with many a pang of regret. Party issues are not believed to have had any extensive weight in the campaign, in which thousands of former pupils of Ferris at Big Rapids, many of them Republicans, worked day and night to insure his election, such was the personal regard that they had for him. His election as senator in a rock-ribbed Republican state is one of the most remarkable tributes that could be given to him by the people of his state.

FORDNEY'S NAME LINKED IN YARN

REGARDED AS A SENATORIAL
POSSIBILITY SHOULD NEW-
BERRY RESIGN.

In an article in Sunday's Saginaw News-Courier that publication sees a possibility of Joseph W. Fordney, congressman of the Eighth Congressional District of Michigan, as a senatorial possibility in the advent that the much mooted Newberry resignation is made, with the expectation that Fordney would be appointed by Governor Groesbeck for the balance of the term and that Groesbeck would then seek the job. The article follows.

"What will Senator Newberry do? This is a question being asked throughout Michigan, for some of the leaders of the Republican party believe that after election he will resign which would give Governor Groesbeck the opportunity of appointing a successor to serve the unexpired term.

"If that condition should arise, the next question being asked is: Who would be the governor's choice? And several politicians high up in the party's ranks reply: Congressman Joseph Warren Fordney of Saginaw.

"All this, of course, is a matter of conjecture, but many friends of the Saginaw congressman say that it is very possible. But they add the comment that no one knows right now what the junior senator from Michigan plans to do, or the governor either.

"For a time, many months ago, it was generally reported around the state that Senator Newberry wanted to resign, but his friends insisted he keep his seat until after the fall elections. He must run again in 1924 and under no circumstances will he be a candidate, although it was announced in Washington some months ago that Senator Newberry would be a candidate 'if the people wanted him.'

"The action of the senator probably will depend entirely on the outcome of the election.

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CONGRESSIONAL VOTE

Following will be found the returns for the Eighth District Congressional race, with only a few precincts in the entire district missing. They may send Vincent's majority above 15,000.

	Vincent	Vought
Clinton	3,386	1,838
Gratiot	3,626	2,193
Ionia	3,428	2,968
Montcalm	2,971	1,057
Saginaw	14,009	7,148
Shiawassee	4,926	2,114
	31,837	17,285

Vincent's majority 14,552; precincts reporting 176.

In the legislative race between Seaver and Long, a fight which had not been anticipated by many, developed. Seaver was in the lead as the returns started to come in and with three precincts still missing Wednesday morning was slightly in the lead, but the final three precincts when they reported boosted Long into the lead with a majority of 71 votes, and handed the election to the Democratic candidate.

Carl E. Gallagher, Democrat, candidate for county clerk also ran ahead of the normal Republican vote, but was defeated by the election by Harriet Colwell of Ithaca.

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